

Truth and fundamental decency appear to have taken a back seat to political interests at Sinclair Broadcasting. Their intent to broadcast what amounts to propaganda aimed at confusing and/or turning the voting public against the Democratic candidate for President, John Kerry, is outside the bounds of broadcast journalism. This vicious smear campaign should not be allowed to be broadcast on the public airwaves, over which the FCC has a charter to insure that the public interest/welfare is maintained. Political campaigning notwithstanding, the broadcast of a program constructed of outright lies and distortions designed to directly effect the national election process must not be permitted.

The Nazi's used this type of propaganda to great effect in the 1930's and 1940's and Stalin used these tactics in the 1950's. Should this program be permitted to air, it is difficult to see how it would be possible to defend against similar programming in the future. The United States of America is based on certain ideals that preclude the use of mass media (which, of course, was unknown and unforeseen in the 1700's) for such nefarious purposes. The FCC must accept the responsibility to insure that programming of this type is not broadcast on the public airwaves.